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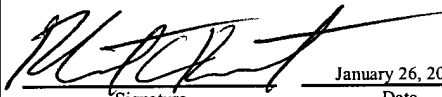
Title: System and Method for
Negotiating Improved
Terms for Products and
Services Being Purchased
Through the Internet

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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of July 30, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.